WEATHER—Rain or snow. Warmer tonight and Wednesday.

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Vengeance Declared on Vice Bloodhounds Trail Arson Fiend

PRELIMINARY STEPS TAKEN FOR CHARTER "CITY OF MONESSEN"

State Will Issue Charters For Two Cities

Preliminary papers for the granting of charters as cities of the third class have been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth by the authorities of Monessen and Sunbury, and soon after the first of the year the warrant of the commonwealth for them to exercise the perogatives of such municipalities will be issued. They will hold their first elections for mayor and councilmen next November. By that time it is possible other boroughs may be knocking at the door of the Capitol for third class city charters, as the subject is being agitated in Shamokin, Carlisle, Jeannette, Donora and other towns which range among the larger boroughs

When the two boroughs assume the city form of government the state will have three dozen third class cities, but there are indications that legislation for a reclassification of municipalities having less than than 150,000 may be suggested in the coming legislative session. Already some steps to establish four classes of cities have been discussed in Harrisburg and it is believed the Legislature will take some steps regardless of what is done about a constitutional convention where a scheme for a material change in the classification would be certain to be acted upon.

H. S. Alumni to Banquet Next Week

What is expected to be one of the banner social events of the season will take place Thursday evening of next week when the High school Alumni Association will hold its tenth annual reunion in the High school building. The committee in charge of the affair is putting forth every effort to make the event the greatest in the history of the school and if plans materialize, it promises to eclipse anything of the kind ever held by the association.

The business meeting of the association will be held in the auditorium at seven o'clock at which time officers will be elected for the ensuing year. Following the meeting the banquet will be held in the balcony of the gymnasium with places for three hundred guests. Individual tables will be placed about the balcony while Merrill's Bell Hop Entertainers of Portmouth, O., will occupy the center of the gymnasium, furnishing music for the occasion.

Following the banquet the toastmaster will call on a few of the honor guests for remarks and this will be followed by a social time with dancing and games as a feature. The gymnasium will be artistically decorated with the school colors and ferns and palms and will present a beautiful appearance. The banquet will be served by a Ladies Aid Society and include all the delicacies of the season. Reservations must be made in advance in order that the committee may determine the exact number of tables to arrange. Dancing will be enjoyed from nine until one.

Capture Bandits

(By United Press)

Milltown, N. J., Dec. 21.—Two of four bandits who entered the Citizen's National bank here last night were captured by a posse. The bandits were discovered at work in the bank by a night watchmen who gave the alarm and thirty citizens responded with guns, clubs and knives. The bandits at work in the bank, saw the posse and fled and were climbing over a wall when the citizens opened fire. Two of the men surrendered while the other two escaped. The men caught were Clifford Jones of New York and Frank Vorhees of Brunswick. They had gained entrance into the bank by removing bricks from the rear wall.

Steubenville, O., Dec. 20.—Stephen Simons aged 26, was probably fatally injured when his bakery wagon was struck by a Wheeling and Lake Erie railroad train.

ATTENTION PRESBYTERIAN LADIES AID SOCIETY

There will be a special meeting this evening at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. A. N. Shuster. Important business is to be transacted and it is desired that there be a good attendance.

PEDDLERS OF BOOZE ARRESTED

Police court this morning was featured by the appearance of two amateur bootleggers, who were arrested the night before while attempting to dispose of seven quarts of concoction which bore the label of the Large Distilling company, but from all appearances was far from being bonded whiskey. The young men, both colored, gave their names as George Williams and Albert Topley, and they stated that they had purchased the liquor from a man in Pittsburgh with the intention of reselling it at a profit. They were busily engaged in peddling their wares when apprehended by the police and lodged in the police station. They were fined $10.00 and costs by Burgess Stewart and warned that if they ever appeared in this city again they would be turner over to the Revenue officers and given long terms in jail.

Two Syrian brothers fought over money matters and created a disturbance at their boarding house. The police were called and the brothers spent the night in the police station. They plead guilty to the charges against them and were assessed fines and costs of $5.00 and costs each, which a friend paid and secured their release.

Wounds Prove Fatal

Harris Jones, the colored man who entered the Passerli home at Axelton early yesterday morning and attacked Louise Passereli, a nineteen year old girl and who was struck a telling blow over the head by the girl's brother, James Passereli, died yesterday afternoon in the Memorial hospital at Monongahela City from the effects of the blow. Death was due to a blood clot on the brain. The young man who struck the negro was placed under arrest and will await the verdict of the coroner's jury. This makes the fourth colored man to meet an untimely and violent death within the past twenty-four hours in this vicinity, one being from the city, one from Allsport, one from Monongahela and another at Clarion.

Commits Suicide

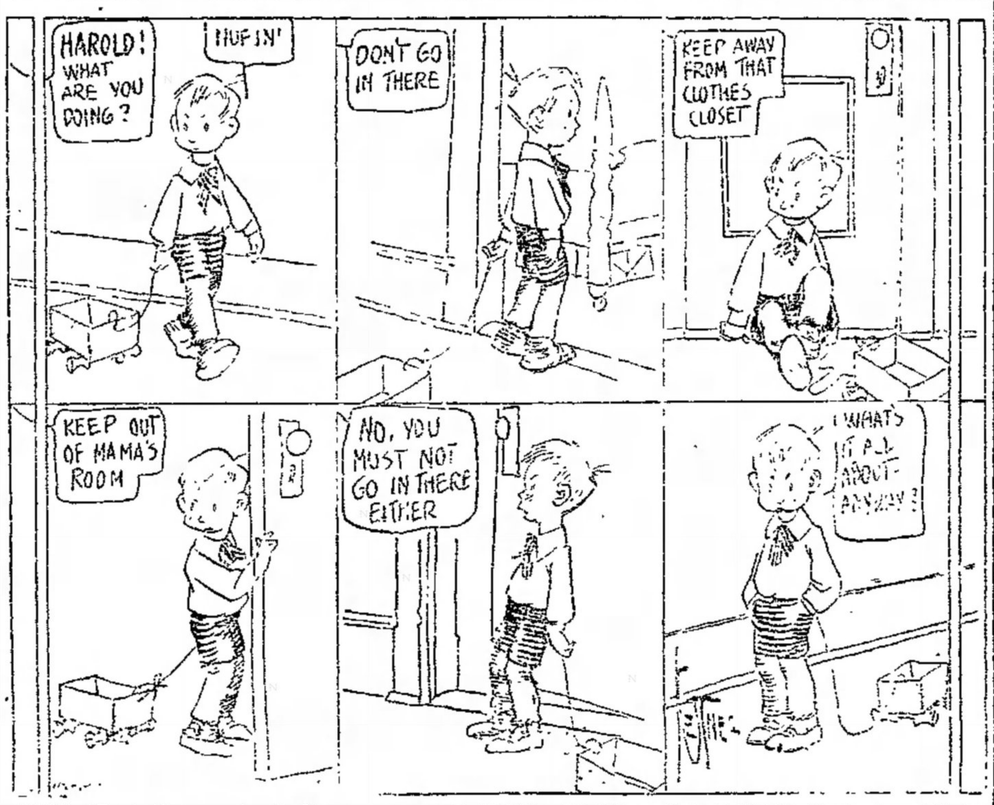
(By United Press)

Shamokin, Pa., Dec. 21—Fully attired in his best suit of clothes and with a revolver in one hand and a razor in another the body of Chas M. Thompson was found lying across his bed with a bullet wound in his head. He was a retired business man and was 63 years of age.

(By United Press)

New York, Dec. 21.—A young man who gave his name as Japanese art student opened a can and asked what he had in a cocktail. He said "A Kasuyono painting by Kumasaki, poet by Kabayashi, Hamano, Hiroshige, Kyosai and Tess enough.

Yuletime Restrictions


HAROLD! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
HUFFIN'
DON'T GO IN THERE
KEEP AWAY FROM THAT CLOTHES CLOSET
KEEP OUT OF MAMA'S ROOM
NO, YOU MUST NOT GO IN THERE EITHER
WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT ANYWAY?

AUTHORITIES RENEW HUNT FOR MANIAC RESPONSIBLE FOR MANY INCENDIARY FIRES

County and state authorities, large detachments of State Police and private detectives swooped down on Fayette City early yesterday morning following the report of the incendiary fires during the early morning hours that caused thousands of dollars worth of property damage within a radius of five miles in that district. Bloodhounds brought from Cannonsburg were put on the trail at the Brown fire and immediately made the rounds of all the fires in that section and then started off towards Perryopolis, where the scent was lost at the station, proving conclusively that one man was responsible for all the fires and that he had evidently made his departure by the way of Perryopolis

No other fires were reported in this vicinity last night, but at New Salem a home was practically destroyed by incendiary fire. A mop saturated with kerosene, was set afire on the back porch of the home and the flames quickly ate their way to the second floor of the home.

It was discovered that in most instances the firebug had used a broom saturated with kerosene in starting his fires and had evidently made a circle after the Brown fire. When the fire at New Salem was reported this morning, a number of troopers stationed at Fayette City, left at once in hopes of overtaking the fiend, who is evidently wandering about the country setting fire to homes, barns and school houses merely to satisfy an insane desire for excitement.

Fire destroyed the barn on the property of Mrs. Andrew Brown, on the Rostraver road, near Fayette City, early this morning, causing a loss of $2,000. The fire was discovered by Mrs. Brown, who was awakened by the glare of the flames. The barn was filled with hay and grain, and a number of chickens were burned to death. The fire was discovered in time to save the buildings from complete destruction.

Combat Crime Wave

(By United Press)

Chicago, Dec. 21.—In an effort to combat the crime wave which has swept Chicago since the advent of cold weather, wealthy citizens have employed private detectives to guard their homes.

Roger Gale, Pinkerton detective, while patrolling the street in front of the home of Cyrus H. McCormick, Harvester king, last night, was held up by four men, three of them in soldier's uniforms and one, John Johnson, wearing a sailor's uniform. Gale, firing from his pocket, wounded the sailor and captured him.

The others escaped.

Arrested By Woman

(By United Press)

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Sidney Hill, doing his Christmas shoplifting, didn't like the idea of being arrested by a woman. But the woman, a store detective, threw her arms around his neck and hung on until a cop came.

Pierce and Knox treat on the Benefical Union, Soprol and Reed, on Monday night, Dec. 27. Music by Cook's Jazz orchestra. Everybody invited to come and have a good time.

PEOPLE OF OUR TOWN

Seize Brewery

(By United Press)

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Dec. 21.— The plant of the Stegmaier Brewing company, the largest in Luzerne county was seized today by Federal authorities for alleged violation of the Volstead act. This is the first brewing company taken over by Federal authorities in the state and involves payment of a huge fine for putting out beer containing more than one half of one per cent alcohol.

13 Receive Aid

(By United Press)

Greensburg, Dec. 21.—During the year the Westmoreland county treasurer paid out $1,339.79 for medical treatment for 13 persons bitten by dogs having rabies. The patients all recovered. The largest individual bill was $175. For sheep and poultry killed by dogs the county paid $1,622.26. The total dog tax was $10,694.

(By United Press)

Bayonne, N. J., Dec. 21. All of his property was too small to [illegible] Police [illegible] offered [illegible] of the headquarters [illegible] garrison.

County After Thugs, Gamblers and Bootleggers

Appeals from every section of Westmoreland county flooding the office of Nevin A. Cort, district attorney, for a saner and safer county, has brought results and that official has made the declaration that he will so enlarge his force as to protect every community from the attacks of thieves and ruffians. The excuse that "everybody is doing it," and that "it's all over the country," is not sufficient satisfaction for the district attorney.

He dispatched County Detective Paul L. Feightner, assisted by a detail of state police to Mt. Pleasant on Saturday evening and between the hours of 10 and 11 o'clock, raided four pool rooms, operated by Nick Nast, of Church street; Alex Graham, of Main street; George Graham also of Main street and Joseph Clermrto of 705 Main street. The places were filled with men, who were gambling and working various games of chance.

The prisoners were taken before Justice of the Peace L. S. Rhoades, who fined them $1.50 each and the costs. The proprietors gave bail for a hearing Thursday evening on the charges of maintaining gambling houses. The inmates were arrested, charged with "gaming" under an act of assembly, which makes it unlawful to engage in any game of chance in which money or other valuables are sought.

This crusade will be directed to every section of the county if the citizens request it. Not alone are the vice elements and the paid elements of crime active, but the good citizens are becoming vigilant.

The selling of Jamaica ginger, commonly called "Jakey," has grown to alarming proportions in this and adjoining counties. District Attorney Cort and his assistants, however are determined to break up the business, so far as it relates to this county and comes under their jurisdiction.

Charles Yorkovitch of Spring Garden, Mt. Pleasant, was convicted at the November term of quarter sessions court, of selling large quantities of the stuff to miners and others, who frequented his place. On Saturday he was arraigned before the court and sentenced to pay a fine of $500, the costs and undergo imprisonment in the county jail for a period of three months.

This is probably the heaviest sentence yet imposed upon dispensers of this intoxicant. Hitherto, the sentences were rather light, it was thought and did not serve to prevent the evil. The "stiff penalty" imposed Saturday, bust serve its purpose and help in breaking up the practice.

DENNISON SUCCUMBS TO WOUNDS

John Dennison, colored, died Saturday night in the Memorial hospital from the effects of a bullet wound received in a quarrel with Blanche Walker, also colored, Tuesday afternoon, December 7, in the home of Ella Corey, at Allenport.

Dennison had been at the house where the Walker woman was an inmate had been in an ugly mood and was brandishing his automatic. Later he was quieted down and left the place. Some time later he returned and flashed the gun again and fired two times at the Walker woman, but missed. She, in the meantime, had armed herself and shot in return, the bullet striking Dennison in the side. He was at once taken to the hospital and the woman placed under arrest and taken to the Washington county jail, where she has been held, awaiting the outcome of Dennison's injury.

A formal charge of murder will now be made against her by the district attorney's office. No time has been fixed for holding the coroner's inquest.

Many Are Killed

(By United Press)

Dublin, Dec. 21.—Reports of the biggest battle yet fought in the present Sinn Fein uprising which occurred at Mullinahone on Sunday night, were still fragmentary and conflicting today.

At least ten Sinn Feiners were killed and 20 wounded or captured, while the British casualties were variously estimated at from eight killed and many wounded to but one seriously wounded. The Irish were said to have been routed.

Heavy military reinforcements and numbers of ambulances were still enroute to the scene last night, which is located in an isolated mountainous district of Tipperary, and has been a Sinn Fein stronghold.

According to one report a Sinn Fein force had prepared an ambush but was in turn surprised by the soldiers. The battle opened just at dusk and apparently lasted for one hour, the Sinn Feiners desperately fighting despite the disadvantage of their position.

Advices from Clonmel, Tipperary, say that the [illegible] were [illegible] after [illegible] the [illegible] Police [illegible] was caused by a [illegible]

Gov. Sproul Mentioned For Cabinet

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 21.—Prominent mention of Gov. Sproul as a possible member of President-elect Harding's cabinet occupied the foreground of discussion here today as the result of their conference in Marion yesterday.

The exact purpose of Sproul's visit could not be learned although speculation on the intent of the mission has placed the Pennsylvania governor as a possible secretary of the treasury. At the governor's conference here recently Sproul went on record in favor of thorough revision of the Nation's finances and return to the states of fields for taxation invaded by the federal government.

The fact that Sproul was accompanied to Marion yesterday by W. W. Atterbury vice president of the Pennsylvania Railroad does not alter the significance of his conference with Senator Harding. Those who discredit the report that he may accept a cabinet portfolio claim his visit was purely formal and intended to acquaint the president-elect with the industrial outlook in the Keystone state.

Senator Penrose, it is believed, would favor the appointment of Gov. Sproul, who has two years remaining on his term as governor. Although Penrose has never mentioned the governor's name publicly in connection with a place in the cabinet the removal of Sproul to the wider field of National politics would be in harmony with his policies, it is understood.

Governor Sproul has held several conferences with the senior senator lately, one of which was in Atlantic City prior to his departure for Marion. Sproul went to Washington following the conference to talk with Congressional leaders there, it was reported.

At that time, it was stated, the purposes of the Penrose conference was to smooth over the administration policies to be advanced at the next session of the legislature that are not in conformity with the Penrose policies.

The most widely discussed difference of views between the Senator and the Governor arises from the method of taxation and the proposed constitutional convention opposed by Penrose.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 21.—A terrible cyclone took the lives of Peter [illegible] and [illegible] Police [illegible] was caused by a [illegible]

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REPUBLICAN IN POLITICS

AROUND THE CORNER

Whether we have the vision to see the fact or not, we are "around the corner" of the business depression which has been troubling all of us. That doesn't mean that business will at once rebound to normal or that the hectic period of high prices and reckless buying is to return. But it does mean that, with retail merchants applying the knife to their prices, taking necessary losses that are grievous and hard to bear, the shelves of our stores are rapidly being bared at prices which the public is willing to pay, and directly after the holiday season, with the usual January clearances and inventories, there will be a general resumption of buying; not recklessly or in very large volume at first, but sufficient to set idle wheels to humming and to start the return of activity in all lines of industry that will put money into the pockets of the people and increase their purchasing capacity.

A big factor entering into this will be the consumer's belief that prices at last have reached a permanent level. Many people with cash in their pockets and needs of a personal nature pressing, have been keeping out of the markets for the reason that they have felt the bottom of the price reductions had not been reached. These same people, when they realize that the rapid plunge of commodities is at an end, will go out and buy, as will many others who have been holding off for the same reason. The result will be a long period of prosperity laid on sound and enduring lines, with the dollar restored to something like its pre-war purchase value and the country operating on a real business basis.

In the meantime, it behooves all of us to be as patient as possible and as considerate as we can be of those who may be temporarily embarrassed or in distress. Discussing this phase of the situation, Charles H. Sabin in the current issue of The Guaranty News, makes these very pertinent observations:

> There is so much in the present situation to inspire confidence and hope for the future that it is little short of criminal for anyone to paint the picture so blackly, through either ignorance or intent, that these vital facts are obscured. To cite a few pertinent facts: This country will harvest this year one of the largest crops in its history; its transportation congestion has been relieved and its railroad system is for the first time in a decade on a sound financial and operating basis; have passed through a National election and assured four years of sane administration of public affairs; our banking system has withstood the greatest credit strain in its history and is on a sound and workable basis; the accumulated surplus of five years of splendid prosperity is stored in many ways for our continued use; the markets of the world demand our products, and a great mercantile marine is prepared to transport them. This country has not been overbuilt or overextended in any of its underlying activities, and faces no program of readjustment along these lines such as usually precipitates panic conditions. We are in a sounder financial, industrial and political condition than any important nation in the world.
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> These are simple fundamental facts of our business situation, and to consider the present reaction as anything but a temporary setback from the destruction, inflation, extravagance and unsound economic conditions precipitated by the war is simply not to reckon with the truth. It remains true today, as it has since this country was first settled, that "any man who sells the United States of America 'short' is in the long run certain to lose," and, furthermore, any man who seeks to profit by the misfortunes of others in the circulation of misstatements or false rumors, hoping to precipitate further reactions, should be branded as a public enemy.
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> This is not a time for pessimism but for hopeful optimism. The country is all right basicly and the present dark clouds have silver lining—yea, gold—for those who will but see them. We are getting thru with our reconstruction troubles much more easily than we had any right to anticipate.

OPEN HERESAY

There is to be no brandy on the Christmas pudding. May we not indulge a pleasing hope that plum pudding will be abolished along with its brandy sauce? Served at the end of a life-sized, seventeen sectioned, fully caparisoned, armed and accoutered Christmas dinner, it is surely the soulless, weightless, most indigestible thing over which a deceived and despairing stomach ever closed.

It isn't even palatable. Compared to a piece of flaky, juicy apple pie, a fluffy lemon meringue, or a cooling parfait, it has no standing in court. It comes to table looking like a cannon ball with black measles. Half the guests leave it half eaten and the other half wish to Heaven they had done likewise. It is a tradition, an inheritance, a custom and an imposition. There may have sometime, somewhere been a race which enjoyed and digested it, but for the present generation of higher gastric education, Abas le plum pudding! Especially when deprived of its brandy sauce!

GET SIGNS FROM BARNYARD

Many English Farmers Consider Poultry as Prophets — Superstitions Concerning Other Birds.

Farmers who get a crowing hen among the brood in the yard often look upon it as an evil omen, says a writer in London Tit-Bits.

A superstitious farmer considers his poultry as prophets, thus, if his own death is near, he will tell you that they will go to bed at noon instead of at their usual roosting time.

Numerous birds are mixed up with signs of death. Let a [illegible] enter a house or a robin come through the door, and some people expect calamity. Owls, again, are ominous birds to the superstitious, especially if [illegible] from the housetop.

For a single magpie to cross the path of the superstitious is enough to send them into a state of consternation, and they hasten to [illegible] cross each other to avert [illegible].

When swallows and martins build about a farmyard the superstitious farmer is troubled if they do not appear regularly year by year, for should they desert their old nests he expects misfortune.

The call of the cuckoo has always been held up as a good luck [illegible] [illegible] while walking will prove it is the first time you have heard it that year. It is said to indicate a happy new year for you.

When the farmer's wife sets eggs she will sometimes place an odd number in the nest if she wants her chicks to prosper. The superstitious farmwife will not bring eggs into the house after sunset.

Peacocks' feathers in a house are said to mean misfortune, but for an eagle to hover over a person or house is thought to indicate an approaching success.

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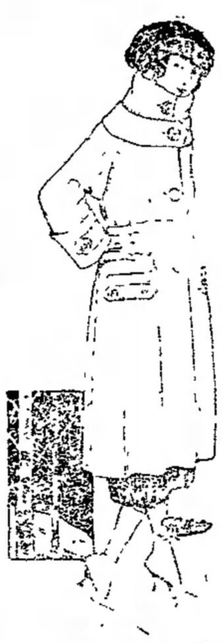

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OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

Local and Personal Items of Interest

There is no charge for items contributed to this column of the going and coming of people or social happenings. Call 53.

Mrs. Pierce Johnson and Mrs. Genevieve Miller spent today in the city.

Mrs. Leslie Campbell of this city visited in Monongahela City yesterday morning.

Tax Collector Carl Woodward is a business caller at the county seat today.

The members of the Volunteer fire department will hold a meeting at the borough building Thursday evening of this week.

All millinery one-third and one-half off. N. W. Schlup Co. Open evenings til Xmas. 1t

Dr. E. B. Sloterbeck is a patient in the McKeesport hospital and is reported seriously ill from pneumonia.

Don't forget the big sale now going on at Cherkin's, corner Fifth and Schoonmaker. 64-tf

The Olympic hall having been redecorated and improved by the installation of six windows, giving plenty of ventilation, is now open for dances, lodge meetings, etc. Persons desiring to rent the hall should apply at the Olympic theatre. 63-tf

A present worth while, good books at Taylor's News Stand. 66-2t

Bill McCreary, well known local character, was given 60 days in the county jail for the theft of cigarets from a local billiard parlor.

Miss Helen Trevel and James Clark of McKeesport spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Trevel of Knox avenue.

Bargains by the hundreds at Cherkin's, Fifth and Schoonmaker. 64-tf

We have decided not to have our Dollar Day during the month of December, but as there have been so many requests, we have declared Wednesday to be the big December Dollar Day. N. W. Schlup Co 65-2t

Marple Bros., the transfer men, made a trip to Cannonsburg yesterday with a load of moving.

Coal, Coal, Coal at 24 cents per bushel. See E. D'Altorio & Son, 349 Schoonmaker Ave., or phone 753-M, Monessen. 64-3tp

Fresh Reymer's candy in boxes, all sizes at Eddy's drug store. 65-5t

All ivory sets and Xmas novelties one-fourth off at Janavitz's 65-5t

Bargains galore at the big sale now going on at Cherkin's corner Fifth and Schoonmaker. 64-tf

Alex Boag, student at the University of Pennsylvania has arrived home to spend the holidays with his parents here.

Don't forget to do your Christmas shopping where there are many bargains to select from and the prices are reduced, Cherkin's, Fifth and Schoonmaker. 64-tf

Xmas sale of georgette waists, regular $6.50 to $10.00 values for $5 and $12.50 to $18.50 for $10.00, in extra and regular sizes and all colors. Janavitz's. 65-5t

Leave your order now for Xmas cut flowers and you will get the best at Irwin's Flower Store, 425 Donner avenue. 63-7t

Mrs. Arthur Sternberger has returned to her home in Philadelphia after a short visit here with her sister, Mrs. Samuel Meyers, of McKee avenunc.

Best quality of tomatoes 3 cans for 25c. at the Army and Navy store 475 Schoonmaker avenue. 66-3t

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The class of 1920 Donora High school has issued invitations for the annual Xmas dance to be held Tuesday evening of next week in the Slovak hall, Donora.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Helmboldt left this morning to spend Christmas at Sharon, after which they will leave for Ravenna, O., to visit with Mr. and Mrs. George Helmboldt.

Bargains by the hundreds at Cherkin's, Fifth and Schoonmaker. 64-tf

Xmas books, the ideal gift for girls and boys at Taylor's News stand. 66-2t

Fine Maine sweet corn, 2 cans for 25c. at the Army and Navy store, 475 Schoonmaker Ave 66-3t

Mrs. Martin Filipeck left this morning for Pittsburgh to meet her daughter, Miss Harriet Filipeck, a student at Elys Court, Greenwich, Conn., who will spend the holidays at home.

An excellent grade of coffee, ground or whole bean for 25c per lb. at the Army and Navy store, 475 Schoonmaker avenue. 66-3t

Wednesday and Thursday will be flannelette days at Schlup's Fancy light and dark flannelette, regular 45c value at 25c yd Open evenings til Xmas. 1t

N. W. Schlup Co's big Santa Claus Sale has an unusual attraction. In addition to the lowered prices that prevail throughout the store we are going still lower to have a dollar Day Sale Wednesday. This will enable you to make purchases for one dollar that ordinarily would cost in some instances almost double. 1t

Howard Thomas who is attending the Art Institute at Chicago, has arrived home to spend the Xmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Thomas.

Genuine Eversharp pencils, $1.00 to $10.00 at Eddy's drug store. 65-5t

My special treatments for dandruff and falling hair will cause the hair to grow and be soft and beautiful. Six treatments for $5.00. Do not wait; call today. Mrs. Florence Carter, 244 Donner avenue. 65-6tp

Miss Annabelle Watt, a student at the Wilson College, Chambersburg, has arrived home and will spend the holiday vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Watt of McKee avenue.

Special lot women's hat shapes, including velvets, large and medium rim, values to $4.95. Wednesday, dollar sale $1. N. W. Schlup Co. Open evenings til Xmas. 1t

Bargains galore at the big sale now going on at Cherkin's corner Fifth and Schoonmaker 64-tf

Good cane granulated sugar selling at 10c per pound at the Army & Navy store, 475 Schoonmaker Avenue. 66-3t

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Stefanski of 225 Knox avenue, received a genuine Christmas present this morning at exactly 10 o'clock. It's a boy and weighs exactly 10 pounds.

Don't forget the Xmas treat at the Beneficial Union at the hall, Second and Reed, Monday, Dec. 27. 66-4t

The big sale is now in full force at Cherkin's, Fifth and Schoonmaker avenue. 64-tf

The local churches are preparing interesting programs to be rendered prior to the Christmas season Practically every church will follow the usual custom of giving the Sunday school children a treat.

A gift jar of good pipe tobacco or a carton of cigarettes will be appreciated by him. Taylor's News Stand. 66-2t

Don't forget the dance at the Beneficial Union Monday evening, Dec. 27. Conti's Real Jazz will show you a good time. 66-4t

The Viking club of Charleroi has issued invitations for its Christmas dance to be held in the Elk ball room at Charleroi on Saturday evening. Dancing will be enjoyed from 8:30 to 12.

The big sale is now in full force at Cherkin's, Fifth and Schoonmaker avenue. 64-tf

He will enjoy a box of good cigars from Taylor's News Stand. 66-2t

Your chiropractor will be pleased to explain chiropractic to you, and if you desire consult him regarding your case and he will make a complete spinal analysis. Dr. Beery, Chiropractor, 404 Donner Ave. 1t

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Morgart have returned from Detroit, Mich., to be with their parents over Christmas at 1049 Morgan avenue.

NOTICE VICTORY GARRISON

You are urgently requested to attend a meeting at Olympic hall, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 22nd, at 8:30 p. m. Firing Squad and Burial Committee, attention.

(Signed) Albert H. Scales,
Commander.
1tp

SEA GUARDS PIRATE'S GOLD

Though Location Is Known, It Is Not Probable the Treasure Will Ever Be Recovered.

On Oak Island, Nova Scotia, there is buried a great treasure. It is believed to be the blood-stained loot of pirates, and although its exact location is known, human hands have failed to raise it from its pit. The discovery was first made in 1795, when three young men found an iron ring in a rock as if a vessel had been moored there. Near it was indication of a hole refilled. They dug, and at 10 feet discovered a wooden plank and at 20 feet and again at 30 feet. They had no money to continue operations, but six years later a company was formed and with machines and tools got down to 90 feet where they found a rock bearing the words "Under me is two million pounds." Before they could go deeper the sea rushed in and filled the shaft. A second shaft was sunk and it, too, was filled by the sea. The company went broke.

In 1849 a third attempt was made, and this time borings showed that at 100 feet there was gold and silver to a depth of 22 inches. The sea drove the workmen out in failure to open the shaft. In 1896 and in 1911 other attempts were made, the last very elaborate with a coffer dam built by engineers. But the sea laughed at their efforts and filled the shafts with water and quicksand and seemingly the treasure will never be uncovered.

Mr. Gratebar's Trouble Test.

Could there be any better proof of the insubstantial nature of most of our troubles than is found in the fact that old troubles are completely brushed away by new? We may fret and bother and worry over something for days, and even lie awake nights over it if we must; but let some new trouble, real or imaginary, come along and straightway we forget the old one entirely, showing conclusively that the old one was never worth worrying over. We've all had that experience, haven't we? Surely. And the chances are a hundred to one that this new trouble that has popped up isn't worth any more serious consideration than the old one which it has displaced.—New York Herald.

Pontius Pilate's Tomb.

Pontius Pilate, it was declared, returning from Gallico, fled to Mount Pilatus, near Lucerne in Switzerland, in the bitterness of remorse, and drowned himself in a tiny lake on the summit. All the storms and calamities on Lake Lucerne were ascribed to the workings of his restless spirit, wrought to wrath by the disturbance of his watery domain. Severe punishment awaited those who dared approach his supposed tomb. That tomb was fearfully and wonderfully described, but in reality it is only a pond, melted snow collected in a hollow. It frequently dries up in summer, with never a vestige of a Pilate to show.

Make Toys to Suit All.

From the bell and string of the rang to the practical juvenile wireless apparatus or electrical train or toy of the scroll saw or the sewing machine the range and variety for the boy or girl of fifteen is so great as to make full description prohibitive because of space. It is sufficient to say that American toy manufacturers have so thoroughly learned the real needs of American children through a careful study of the subject that they now provide the proper toy or plaything or doll for the needs, entertainment and education at advantage of children of all ages and both sexes.

SHOWED HIM HIS VOCATION

But for Fortunate Happening Burglar Might Never Have Suspected Possession of Talents.

Little things, apparently insignificant in themselves when they happen, often determine one's career. Take my own case, for instance, if I may overstep the bounds of modesty to cite a shining example.

It was the simplest of things that showed me my true vocation. Had it not been for this incident I might have never known the powers—aye, the talent—which lay dormant in me.

I was coming home one night—one of those misty, wet nights—rather late. The houses on my street are as similar as one pea is to another. I entered what I thought was my own house and felt my way upstairs in the dark. I went into my room and turned on the light.

A charming-looking girl was in bed, and she sat up with a look of terror on her beautiful face, forgetting that she presented a very pretty picture.

She screamed.

"Miss, I beg of you to keep quiet," I entreated.

"Oh!" she wailed. "Here, take my rings and my watch and be kind and leave me, please."

"Don't yell so. There is a mistake. I thought this was my house."

"Oh, please go!" she cried, her voice growing hysterical. "Here is all the money I have. Now, will you go?"

"But be quiet or—"

"I shall scream in a minute," she cried, and I realized in a second she would be beyond reasoning with.

And that is how I came to enter the profession where I now shine with the best of them.

I am a hang up burglar.—New York Evening Post.

WAS FIRST HUNGER STRIKER

Coffin Shaped Pie Crusts.

Seldom, the antiquary, less us that Christmas pies were formerly baked in a coffin-shaped crust to represent the cradle or manger in which our Saviour was laid.

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$10.00 House Robes and Bath Robes Balance of Stock	$6.90

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Have the lead, and nothing so fills this demand, is so welcomely received, as

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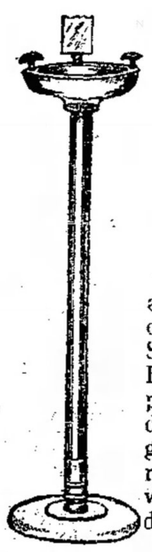
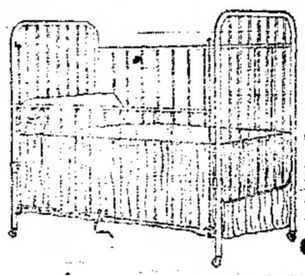
Here, in this big, complete store, you can find just the gift that will be useful, and yet be an adornment, too. **Parlor, Living Room, Dining Room, Den and Boudoir Furniture in every modern style, and a selection that will help you. Come and see the array of Christmas suggestions at your command.**



Full line of **Smokers' Sets** reasonably priced

Many other useful and novel pieces, including Mahogany Stands, Foot Stools, Hall Trees, Telephone Stands, and dozens of other suggestions that will relieve your mind, when you are wondering what to buy.



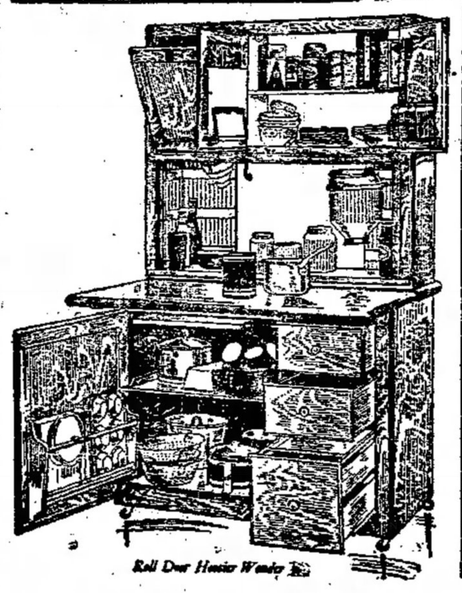
Buy Useful Presents for the Children

Children's Beds, Children's Chairs and Rockers

a large assortment, and you will find the prices far more economical than buying something that will not serve a practical need.

Large Stock of Cedar Chests, always Acceptable.

Magnificent Showing of Davenports



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Christmas Trees by Million

NURSERYMEN grow large quantities of Norway spruce for Christmas use—rather more in the middle West, where conifers are not common in the woods, than on the eastern and western coasts, where they fringe every hillside. But the tree most commonly used is a shortneedle pine found in the woods of Northern Michigan and Wisconsin. Early in September the Indians about the lumber camps of this region are set to work cutting these trees for the market, and by early November a little fleet of vessels makes its way down Lake Michigan, a Christmas tree hauled to the foremast of each one, that by this sign all may know that in their holds is a cargo which might not tempt a Captain Kidd, but is far more precious than many a one for which good ships have been scuttled.

Russia's Iron Ore Deposits.

The greatest iron ore deposits known are thought to have been located near Kursk, Russia, by magnetic disturbances of intensity unequaled elsewhere. Those disturbances were studied several years by the late Prof. Ernst Leyst, a Russian, and his records are said to have been secured and taken to Sweden. Two Swedish observers find that two separate parallel deposits of magnetic iron ore are indicated. These seem to have about equal length, 22 miles or so, and to be separated about 40 miles.

An Obligation.

"Do you intend to vote at the coming election?"

"Yes," replied Miss Cayenne. "And I shall do so in the interest of humanity. Having secured the right to vote, every woman should feel it her duty to do so to make it fashionable to do so."

WALKING AND TALKING DOLLS

Lifelike Forms Gracefully Step Across the Floor Saying "Mamma" or "Papa."

DOLLS that walk and talk and wink and roll their eyes are Parisian Christmas novelties in toyland. These dolls seem almost human, as they walk in sprightly style across the floor saying "mamma" or "papa" just as real children would.

Walking dolls being a new invention, seem wonderful and bring screams of delight from little girls and boys, too, who watch with intense interest every step of the lifelike dolls as they are exhibited in the shops.

The machinery that moves the doll's legs is set in motion by a key that is inserted in the works at the waist line.

The voice is made active by works that are wound with a key.

The eyes move as the body sways from side to side, just as the real children's eyes roll and blink, etc.

Novel Christmas Salad Bowl.

By the time that the salad course arrives at the Christmas dinner all that surround the festive board are apt to be warm. It will be refreshing to see the salad come to the table in a block of ice. Scrape the ice square with a hot flat iron and make a cavity in the center with the same utensil. Border with crisp lettuce and sprigs of holly and fill with salad. Place the block on several thicknesses of cloth on a deep platter and put around it a wreath of holly.

A PESSIMIST

Duck: I'll bet I get a raincoat, or a pair of rubbers, or something like that for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES BY LOCAL CHILDREN

A Christmas Carol service will be given by the children of the Monessen Public schools on Wednesday evening in the High school auditorium from seven to eight o'clock.

This is the first service of this kind to be given by the school children and it is hoped that hereafter it may become an annual event of the Christmas season.

In all song literature there are no songs which promote the Christmas spirit so universally expressive of good will, more than do the beautiful old Christmas carols and hymns. Nor are there any that quite have the flavor and atmosphere of the holly and ivy that these old Carols present. In some communities where the service is an annual institution it takes place in the open air around a community Christmas tree. It has been said that there is no greater asset to community music than these carol services and the service this year has been instituted with the hope that not only the children, but grownups may be awakened to the beauty of these old songs, and that each succeeding year the spirit of Christmas may be rekindled in the hearts of the people by the message they bring.

The program will be given by about 400 pupils of the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades. The simplicity of these songs make them peculiarly fitted for children and their true beauty is only shown when sung by the children.

The balcony and seats that remain vacant in the rear of the auditorium will be open to the public. Naturally the balcony will be the best place to get the effect of the mass singing and it is urged that the patrons come early. No children will be permitted except those taking part unless accompanied by adults.

Remember the time, seven o'clock.

The following program will be rendered:

1. O Come, All Ye Faithful.....John Reading
   Procession of 5th, 6th, 7th Grade Boys
2. Hymn for Xmas Day.....J. Goss
   Fifth Grade Chorus
3. Cradle Hymn.....Written by Martin Luther for his Children
   Children of First and Second Grades
4. Christmas Comes Again.....Rev. J. Hopkins
   Fifth Grade Chorus
5. Good King Wenceslas.....Old English
   Edward Leonard, Morgan Jones and Sixth Grade Chorus
6. We Three Kings of Orient Are.....Rev. J. Hopkins
   Soloists, Mike Holad, Ralph Shutterly, Bernard Samuels
7. Soprano Solo, "The Birthday of a King".....Neidlinger
   Daniel Butler
8. Under the Stars.....Margaret Brown
   Contions de Noel.....Adolph Adam
   Junior High Girls Chorus
9. Silent Night.....Michael Hodyn
   All Grades
10. The First Nowell.....Traditional Carol
    Sixth Grade Chorus (Audience Joins in the Refrain

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SUITS

Tricotine and Serges—Made in Various Styles, reduced special for this Xmas Sale at

$25

Former Values $37.50 to $42.50
If you need a Christmas Suit, this is your opportunity.

COATS

Cloth Mixtures and Plushes—Reduced extraordinary for this Xmas event at

$25 to $37.50

Former Values $35.00 to $52.50
Some Saving—These prices will surely cause a wonderful stir in our Coat Department.

WOMEN'S FELT SLIPPERS
Worth $1.50, Wednesday, Dollar Day, pair **$1**
Colors, Navy, Maroon, Grey
With Silk Floss Pon-Pon.

$1 OFF ANY PAIR
Silk Hose, priced over $3.00
50c Off—Any pair priced under $3.00, Wednesday only, Dollar Day.

OUR DRESS GOODS GIFT
Any Dress Goods Priced at $3.00 a yard or over will be offered at $1.00 off per yard
Also $1.00 off per yard of Silk Poplin, big selection of colors, regular price $2.95 yd.

DOLLAR DAY

WEDNESDAY ALL DAY

WOOL DRESS GOODS **$1**
Values to $1.75, plain colors and plaids—Buy a Dress length for yourself, children or for a gift, Wednesday Dollar Day only, yard

MEN'S WOOL HALF HOSE **$1**
75c Quality, in natural or heather mixed, 2 pair for

WHITE FIGURED CURTAIN FILET NET **$1**
Or Colored sun fast Drapery, values to $1.59, Wednesday yard

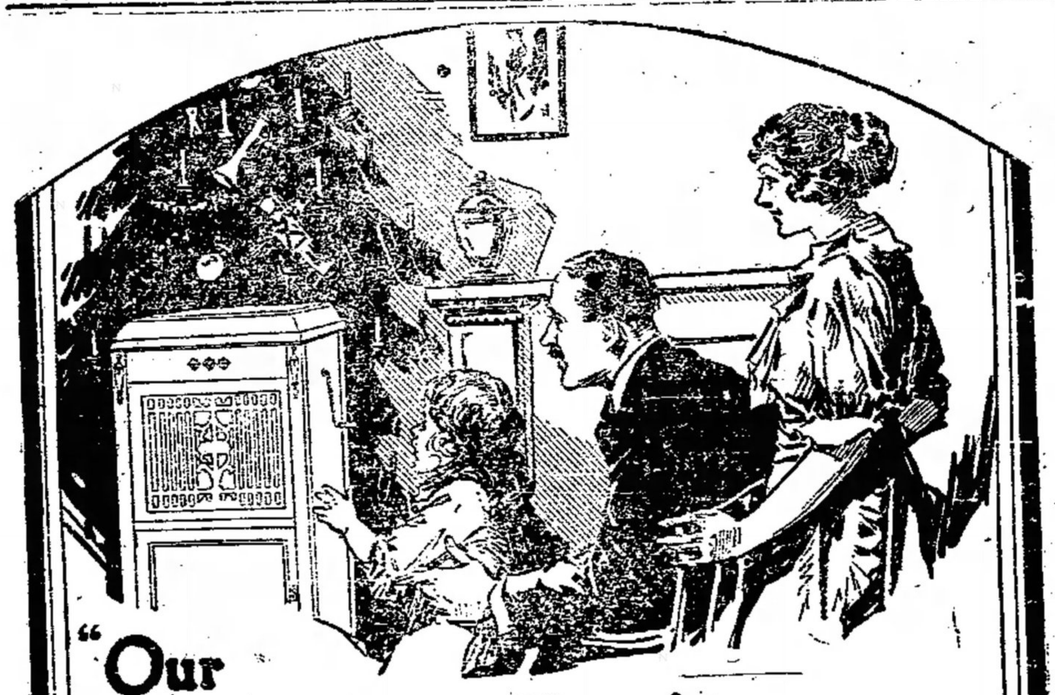
CHILDREN'S WOOL SHIRTS AND DRAWERS **$1**
Values to $1.75, Wednesday Dollar Day, each

WOMEN'S FLANNELETTE GOWNS **$1**
Regular $2.00 Value, of nice quality Flannelette, Wednesday

MEN'S LISLE HALF HOSE **$1**
Regular 50c Value, in brown, navy, grey and black, Wednesday, 3 pair for

CHILDREN'S HOSE **$1**
Regular 35c Value, Wednesday Dollar Day, 4 pair for

FANCY OUTING FLANNEL **$1**
Light and Dark Patterns, Suitable for Petticoats and Gowns, Regular 45c value, 4 yards for



"Our Budget Plan will bring the New Edison this Xmas!"

THIS is the time of the year when our Budget Plan is most helpful. You ought to come in right away and find out what it can do for you.

In the first place, it will put a New Edison beside your Christmas tree, (how the family will rejoice!)

In the second place, it will stretch your Christmas dollar so that you'll hardly feel the purchase.

The Budget Plan treats the New Edison as an essential of life, such as a home, and arranges payments on the sound "time" principle. It combines modern business practice with thrift.

This way of treating a dollar actually makes it go farther. Let us explain how the Budget Plan brings the longed-for New Edison for what an extremely ordinary gift would cost,—and makes 1921 thrift pay for the balance.

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Dubious "Honor" Said to Belong to Scotsman Who Lived During the Sixteenth Century.

The first man to adopt the method of the hunger strike as a protest against his imprisonment was a Scotsman named John Scot, who lived during the sixteenth century. Having been defeated in a lawsuit, and finding himself unable to pay, he took sanctuary in the abbey of Holyrood house. Here, out of discontent of the findings of the court, he resolutely abstained from food for 30 or 40 days. His fame spread rapidly, and the king, hardly crediting the account of his fast, confined him in a private room in Edinburgh castle. No man was allowed access to the room, and at the end of 32 days the king was satisfied and he was released. A short time afterward he went to Rome, where he gave a similar exhibition of his powers of fasting before the pope. From Rome he traveled to Venice, carrying with him the pope's seal as a testimony of his powers, and gave another exhibition for the benefit of the Venetose. After a considerable time abroad he returned to England, where he delivered numerous sermons against the divorce of Henry VIII. For this offense he was arrested and thrust into prison, where he continued to hunger strike for a period of 50 days.

Quaint Epitaphs in Burial Grounds.

And here are two epitaphs from the United States. The first, in a Nevada burial ground, runs:

"Sacred to the memory of Hank Monk, the whitest, biggest-hearted, and best stage driver of the West, who was kind to all, thought ill of none. He had lived in a strange era, and was a hero; and the wheels of his coach are now ringing on golden streets."

The second also belongs to the Far West: "To Lem S. Frame, who, during his life, shot 80 Indians, whom the Lord delivered into his hands, and who was looking for and to making up his hundred before the end of the year, when he fell asleep in Jesus at his home at Hell's Kerry, March 27, 1843."—London Post.

Little Change in Toys.

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Emergency Legislation Doomed

By I. C. MARTIN
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, Dec. 21—Emergency [illegible]

Congress seems [illegible] Wednesday [illegible] message [illegible] Republican [illegible] against it for the same reason. [illegible] Democrats [illegible] Republican [illegible] House and Senate [illegible] Democratic [illegible] House and the Senate [illegible] Democrats [illegible] Wilson [illegible]

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Celebrate Pilgrims Landing at Plymouth

(By United Press)

Plymouth, Mass, Dec. 21.—Three hundred years ago today in the bitter cold of a northern winter, a little band of intrepid men and women seeking freedom of religious thought and action disembarked from their staunch little vessel, the Mayflower, and started the first settlement in the wilds of what is now Massachusetts.

The three hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims was celebrated here today almost on the very spot on which the first settler set foot Ceremonies commemorating the day were carried out in the shadow of historic Plymouth Rock.

Hundreds of direct descendants of the Pilgrims were here to do honor to their ancestors.

The ceremonies were staged in Old Colony theatre, in whih were assembled scores of prominent men and women of the nation and representatives of foreign countries

Among those who took part in the ceremonies were Calvin Coolidge, vice - president-elect; Sir Auckland Geddes, Ambassador from Great Britain; General Robert Georges Nivelle, representing France and many others.

Louis K Liggett, who presided at the meeting presented Vice-president elect Calvin Coolidge, who in a brief address paid a tribute to the work of the Pilgrim Tercentenary Commission, which arranged the celebration and spoke on the landing of the Pilgrims

Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, a Pilgrim descendant, made the principal address of the celebration on the "Pilgrims of Plymouth" He painted a vivid picture of the landing of the little band of settlers in a wild and unknown country in which they were beset by many dangers in their efforts to establish homes Outlining their reasons for seeking homes in an unknown country, Senator Lodge described their trials in the years in which they sought to gain a living from the virgin soil He told of their mode of governing themselves and of their struggle against the Indians

Following Sen Lodges address, the audience, led by Rev A. B Whitney, of the First Church of Plymouth, knelt in prayer for several minutes

Plans now under way to beautify Plymouth Harbor, removing unsightly sharves and waterfront and making it a natural park in the center of which will stand the weather beaten Plymouth Rock, were explained to the audience

The decorations in the theatre were reminiscent of the early days of Massachusetts and the Pilgrim settlement, and the ushers, members of the Bostons Women's Club were dressed as Pilgrim maidens

After a luncheon the visitors and distinguished guests were taken to the historic scenes in old Plymouth, where they heard again the story of the landing of the Pilgrims

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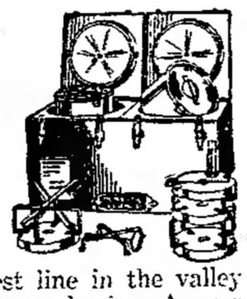

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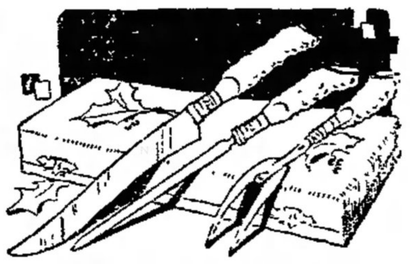

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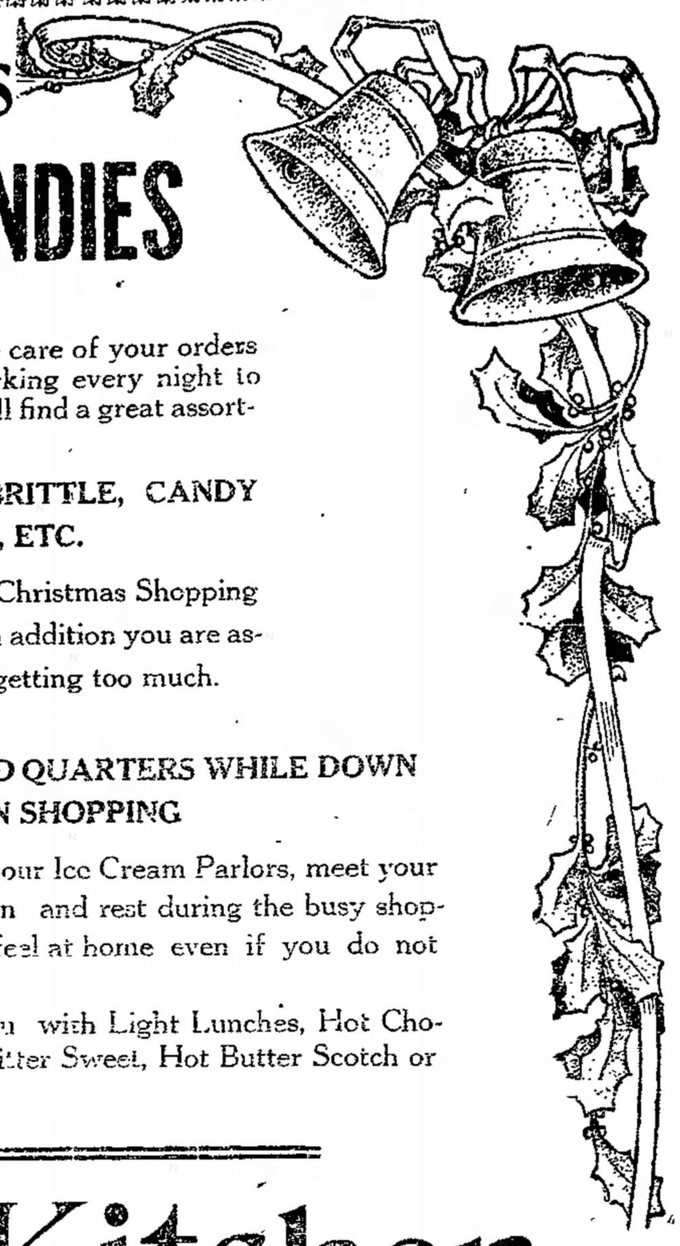

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Star

By BESSIE HARRIS

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Long before Joe's fishing boat came within sight of shore he watched for the distant speck of light from the window, and as he neared land the speck of light grew and shone with his own delight in coming. Home coming was a never failing delight to Joe. He loved to warm his heart at the thought of the picture there, big blonde Elizabeth, the elder sister, briskly busy about the shining cook-stove, preparing for his evening meal the things he liked best—and Star, the small wraith of a sister, curled up in the couch corner, where she could easily part the curtains and peer out over the dark waters. For Star watched for Joe's white fishing boat as eagerly as his eyes searched out the light from the window.

Lisbeth was a born grumbler, and perhaps sometimes the work did fall too heavily on her broad shoulders, for though Star might be wistful and willing, her strength was insufficient for many tasks.

The cozy cottage on the shore had been handed down from grandparents to the three children. And now all their plans to beautify the cottage was made in the hope of pleasing Star—the prettiest clothes were hers, and it was Lisbeth who still grumbling arranged for her many pleasures. And Star was radiantly grateful; her love for the big bronzed brother and the sister whose own life had known but the happiness of service, was beyond expression. As for Joe, the mere thought of her there in the lamplit corner—his child a strange lump in his throat, in an emotion which dimmed his clear eyes as he stooped toward the light. It was Lisbeth, who held open the door for him, her rosy cheeks and white apron always a pleasant part of his welcome home picture. But it was to little Star that he turned breathless—for as she slipped from her couch to stand shyly and holding out eager hands. "I watched you," said Star, "and I first saw you far out—the sail and could not tell whether [illegible]

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The Pear Tree

By HELEN EVERS

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The tall good-looking man at the desk brushed his hair back from his studious forehead and glanced up impatiently.

"Well Dan," he asked, "what is it this time?"

"Beg pardon sir," Dan said apologetically, "I know you asked not to be interrupted Mr. Hammond, but this young lady—"

"Young lady!" the man at the desk exclaimed, his tone expressed exasperation. "I asked to be guarded from young ladies, especially."

"I know Mr. Hammond," Dan hastened to say, "and I have guarded you well, but it's your fame, I reckon, Mr. Hammond, that has got here before you, an' you bein' a bach, and all."

"Dan," cried the master of the house fiercely, "will you stop talking and leave me; I was at a most interesting point in my work."

"But this lady," Dan went on unmoved, "is different from the rest of 'em, she says she's got to see you if only for a minute, an' she's the one who moved into the little house next door."

Clark Hammond laughed with one of his sudden changes of humor "The spinster person," he said, "I recollect now that Louisa told me a spinster had taken the house Show her in, Dan, and let's get it over quickly."

The old serving man grinned as he shuffled out of the room while the "spinster person" entered in a sort of soft little rush and sat down in a big study chair. Professor Clark Hammond stared for a moment unblinkingly, the intruder was so different from what she expected She held a huge basket upon her knees as she waited, almost irepidantly. The "spinster person" from next door had more the appearance of a small boy who had been caught robbing one's orchard, which was nearer the truth than the professor knew. She was, in fact, petite Nan Norris, lately of the city.

"Won't you," the professor asked pleasantly, "allow me to relieve you of that great basket."

The young woman looked more startled than ever; then as the rose color flooded her cheeks she spoke quickly.

"You are going to be dreadfully angry with me Professor Hammond," she said, "and I owe you an apology. You see, I did not know that it was your tree and I stripped it completely."

"I am afraid," the man said puzzled, "that I do not understand."

"It was," she answered steadily, "your prized pear tree that I robbed, the one with which...you have been making experiments I thought it was on our line, we have recently rented the house next door and I went out one evening with some of the school boys to help me, and we picked all your pears."

A light of pleasant reminiscence came to the blue eyes. "It was a glorious moonlight night," the girl added, "and the pears were small and sweet as sugar—"

"When old Mrs. Ryan told me next day—Mrs. Ryan is the woman who is going to live with me here—that the pear tree was on your property, I—I had given away most of the pears, sent them to the city I came from, to people there who do not often have pears or nice things to eat, and the rest I canned."

Clark Hammond leaned back in his chair watching the various emotions flit across the girl's sweet face. His own first emotion of chagrin and disappointment gave way suddenly to sympathetic amusement.

"And now," he asked whimsically, "what are you going to do about it?"

"I cannot offer to pay for all those pears yet," the young woman answered as she removed the wrappings while the professor leaned forward incredulously to inspect the contents of neatly labeled jars.

"These are the spiced pears," the girl explained, "I hope—that you will accept them."

She regarded her offering ruefully.

"They are the very first that I ever did up in my life, and they turned out splendidly." Her eyes were pleading.

"Won't you?" she begged, "just as a sort of peace offering?"

There was something strangely disconcerting in that limpeyed repentant gaze; it was Clark Hammond's turn to flush, and he emerged from the procedure pleasantly perturbed

"I'll tell you what," he agreed lucidly, "just bring some pears over whenever I happen to feel that I'd like them. Dan will let you know"

The girl laughed "I am proud of my own experiment," she said, then asked hesitatingly, "But what of yours?"

"A small matter," he generously assured her.

And one late fall evening Nan, entering the professor's dining room with her dish of pears found three places laid for two.

"I hope," Clark Hammond said with new diffidence "that you will stay to share me another lonely meal I have always wondered" he went on, as she slipped into the opposite chair, "how it would seem to have you there, my wife—and this the hour I have dreamed of Nan will you stay and make my dream a reality"

The girl said [illegible] but after a while she raised a tremulous [illegible]

"Henry, [illegible] with our own [illegible]"

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MANY and great are the changes which have occurred in England since Dickens wrote 'A Christmas Carol,' but they have not affected the national love for the festival and the determination to preserve unimpaired the traditional warmth and heartiness of its celebration Christmas week is still the great week of the year for the English people. It is the one week when scattered families are reunited, when tender memories and old associations are revived, when friend greets friend with a cheery expansiveness in striking contrast with the characteristic reserve of the English nature, so undemonstrative to those who do not know it well, apparently so distant and unsympathetic.

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Substitute for a Tree.

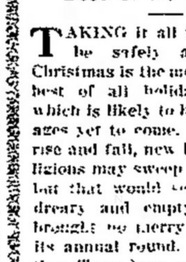
We are not going to have a Christmas tree, writes a correspondent. To make them brilliant many pretty little ornaments are needed and they cost a good deal. My plan is for a barrel in place of a tree. I have the barrel now in a closet. It is covered with old dark green cambric and the day before the great holiday I am going to pin sprigs of evergreen and holly over it. It will look pretty gay, I think, when it is filled with the gifts that are going into it now, all prettily tissued and tied, and my son as jolly Old Santa Claus stands over it to delve into its mysteries and to proclaim the names of those who are to solve them. I am sure we will enjoy our barrel as much as we would a tree.

Best of All Holidays

TAKING it all in all, it may be safely asserted that Christmas is the merriest and the best of all holidays, and one which is likely to be observed for ages yet to come. Nations may rise and fall, new beliefs and religions may sweep away the old, but that would seem indeed, a dreary and empty year which brought no merry Christmas in its annual round. May old Father Time long spare his holiday to mankind to gladden the hearts of all with its coming, and may each Christmas be still merrier than the last.

An Ancient Christmas Dish.

An indispensable Christmas dish of ancient times was "frumenty" or "frumente." Here is the recipe for making the dish according to a faithful old chronicler. "Take clean wheat and bray it in a mortar until the hulls be all gone off and seethe it until it burst, and take it up and let it cool; and take cream fresh broth and sweet milk of almonds or sweet milk of kine and yolkes of eggs and take the yolks of eggs. Boil it a little and set it down and cress it forth with fat venison or fresh venison." Frumenty was often served alone without venison or meat. When served by itself it was well sweetened.



A BIG JOKE

Duck: Now I hope I won't get a treatise on "How to Swim" for a Christmas gift.

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"[illegible]"

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BOXES, OLD CHRISTMAS FAD

Ancient Custom at One Time Developed Into Demand as Right and Became Nuisance.

THE custom of Christmas boxes is of great antiquity, and was formerly the bounty of well disposed persons who were willing to contribute something toward the industrious. Later the gift came to be demanded as a right and became somewhat of a nuisance. Long ago the Roman Catholic priests had masses for everything, and if a ship went to the West Indies they had a box in her under the protection of some patron saint, into which the sailors put money or other valuables in order to secure the prayers of the church. At Christmas these boxes were opened and were thence called Christmas boxes. In England the day after Christmas is known as "Boxing day," from the Christmas boxes which used to be in circulation, and in the British museum can be seen boxes covered with green glaze with a slit in the side for money and presents.

CHRISTMAS BAG FOR GUESTS

Container for Presents Attached to Backs of Chairs With Bow of Red Satin Ribbon.

THE Christmas bag is an innovation planned by one housekeeper. The breakfast table is to be decorated with a mirror in the center, outlined as a star by holly sprigs, and with a slender cut glass vase in the center holding red chrysanthemums. Long-stemmed flowers also radiate from the central star with the blossoms toward the plates of those for whom the flowers are intended. Every napkin lies beneath a Christmas card with a sprig of holly tied upon it with red ribbon, and to the back of every chair is tied a bag with a big red satin bow. The bags are of all sizes, and each is full of individual gifts. One is an opera bag, another a shopping bag in black and gold, still another is brown leather and gold nailheads, another a bag for collars and cuffs, another a gas laundry bag, one is suggestive of the scraps grandmother will put into it, and the other of books that a small girl will carry to school. All are as dainty and fine as careful workmanship and good materials can make them, and there will be fun emptying the materials out of the various bags.

Roses at Christmas.

The fact that we can get flowers out of doors at Christmas time is in itself a source of satisfaction for growing the Christmas tree. Just how does that it is worth growing for itself, says Country Life in America. Its large white flowers fully two inches across, resembling those of a giant single rose (though as a matter of fact it belongs to the same family as the lotus), is quite fit to excite enthusiasm in the season of snow and ice. The plant itself grows only six to eight inches high, and the large, green leaves are borne in clusters and nestle closely among the flowers.

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Thoughtfulness on Part of Patrons of Uncle Sam Will Assist Clerks and Carriers.

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Don't neglect to tie it properly. It is handled at least five times before it reaches its destination.

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Don't guess at the postage and give your friends the pleasure of paying "postage due."

Don't plaster Red Cross stamps on the face of packages or letters; take care not to "seal" parcel post packages with them. It raises the rate.

Don't forget that a little thoughtfulness on your part can help to make Christmas happier for Uncle Sam's men, his horses and his automobiles.

Do mail early, preferably before December 20th, writing on your packages: "Not to be opened until Christmas."

Do your best to use the post offices in the forenoon, the earlier the better.

Do write legibly, both the address to which you are sending the gift and your own return address.

Do be courteous and "Christmasse" to the post office men who serve you. They are handling thousands of pieces of mail matter.

Do be brief at the counter. You keep someone else waiting if you are loaded like an express truck, with packages and foolish questions.

THINGS THE BOYS LONG FOR

Youngsters Prefer Toys or Contrivances to Test Their Muscular Skill or Endurance.

WHAT shall be said of that blundering kindness of home folk that considers giving the boy only presents of such things as he really needs? It is an outrage upon the spirit of Christmas to present him with new shoes, ties, handkerchiefs—something that he knows he will get anyway—when his sleeping and waking dreams for weeks before have been filled with visions of tops, balls, guns and magic lanterns, says Maud Sanders in the Woman's Home Companion. The most beautiful knitted muffler woman's fingers ever constructed cannot compare with a jack-knife with four blades and a cork-screw attachment, when exhibited over the back fence to a neighbor boy on Christmas morning. Very soon after the days of kilts a boy reaches the age when he yearns with his whole soul after any toy or contrivance that will test his muscular skill or endurance. At this age an appropriate present would be a rawhide or rope lariat, such as is used by the Buffalo Bill riders. A pair of hand or arm stilts will be received with equal favor, and in the same category comes a new fishing rod, snow shoes, tennis racket, golf clubs, a good ball, lamp or cyclometer for his wheel, or even a live pet, a new dog, a pair of rabbits or guinea pigs—something that he can pet and train for his own.

Funny Christmas Habit.

There is not a drug store, cigar shop or barroom in the larger cities which has not been made the storage room for Christmas presents bought before the rush sets in. The strange part of it is that every man who utilizes the friendship of his favorite place round the corner thinks he is the only one who thought of the plan. Realizing that the stores will be crowded, many far-sighted heads of families bought their presents a week in advance, and then, fearing the nature of the mysterious package would be discovered at the office or at home, they hit upon the device of making a cache in some resort near home.

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Plants for Christmas.

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Christmas in Days of Yore.

There are many old and stately ceremonies and many historical events connected with Christmas that are well worth perusing, and that give us glimpses of ye ancient times when our fathers and our fathers' forefathers celebrated and revelled and gave of their abundance to those for whom not so much was provided.

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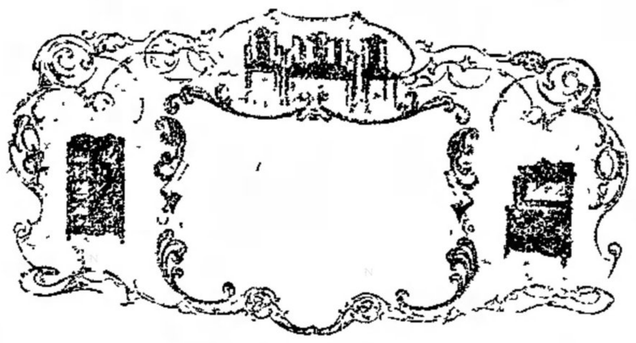

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PEOPLE cannot be too careful in guarding against fire when trimming a Christmas tree, says a correspondent in Good Housekeeping. There have been scores of Christmas tree fatalities in homes and in Sunday schools which a little care might have prevented. The writer once set a tree on a blaze, consuming nearly half of the costly ornaments going with the green branches. A tiny candle had been placed too high, and it took only a few minutes of its brisk heat to char a branch above it and start a flame. A thick portiere was torn from its pole and thrown over the blaze. If it had not been at hand the light window curtains would have caught fire in another minute. Since that Christmas our tree has always been placed in the center of the room, and we have eschewed cotton wool, tissue-paper angels, and celluloid ornaments. First of all, we wire each candle securely in place at the furthest end of a branch which has nothing above it, either in tree or trimming. Then as the tree is denuded we watch carefully the last disappearing candles. Sometimes one of them, nearly burned down, will topple over or be merely a spark of flame, but near to something inflammable and be a menace.

GOOD TURNS ON CHRISTMAS

Chances for All to Aid the Friendless in Having Happy Yuletide Season.

REAL purveyors of Christmas cheer may often find a market for their precious wares outside the pale of charity, for all homeless people are not necessarily poor, and neither are all childless homes necessarily unhappy. Housekeepers who are short on homes may combine the two lackings and make Christmas day a merry delight for the grown-ups in spite of these unfortunate conditions.

There is always something peculiarly pitiable in the idea of any one "flocking alone" which should appeal to the home-maker without a family, so that this should be the occasion for her to gather in all the bachelor waifs and homeless men of her acquaintance and give them a joyful opportunity to "flock together." Even the Scrooges, if she knows any, should be rescued from their lonely bowls of gruel and persuaded to open their shut-up hearts and wear them outside for general inspection, as Dickens says, "To Christmas dawns to peck at." Therefore, collect six or eight of these birds of a feather who are destitute of near-by kith and kin and make your Christmas feast a center of good cheer for all the charming solitaires you are able to draw within its radius.—Woman's Home Companion.

Good Year for Violets.

Sweet peas have been forced for the Christmas market only for many years past. They must be started blooming before the cold weather begins. Then they will bloom all winter. Daffodils do not get in until February, but almost all the rest of the spring flowers, hyacinths, narcissuses, bavardia, and so on, are on the Christmas counters. Easter lilies, too, though rather cold and white for Christmas are sold. Violets are fine this winter, deeply, darkly, beautifully blue. Some mignonette now comes in enormous sprays. There are carnations but the bright red Christmas carnation is the favorite. Holly comes from the hills of Maryland and the south. The wild holly supplies the market and there has never seemed to be any perceptible diminution of the supply. Great quantities of it are purchased by all sorts of dealers who decorate their stores with it and send out a sprig attached to every Christmas parcel.

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To Avoid the Rush.

Soldier, just back from his harvest furlough to the sergeant—"My father wants to know if I'll get another furlough at Christmas. Here is the picture of the pig that is going to be killed."—Pasquale Blatter.

Differ on Christ's Birthday

THE early Christmas were divided as to the date on which the nativity of Christ should be celebrated. Some of the churches observed it on the first day of January, others on the 6th of May, the 25th of March, as well as the four Sundays between the period of the year mentioned. Generally speaking, as time went on, for celebrating Christ's birth. The Western branch of the church observed December 25 and the East on March 28, until it was decided to celebrate the nativity on December 25. Pope Julius I. also decided in the first half of the fourth century, as recalled with having set the date.

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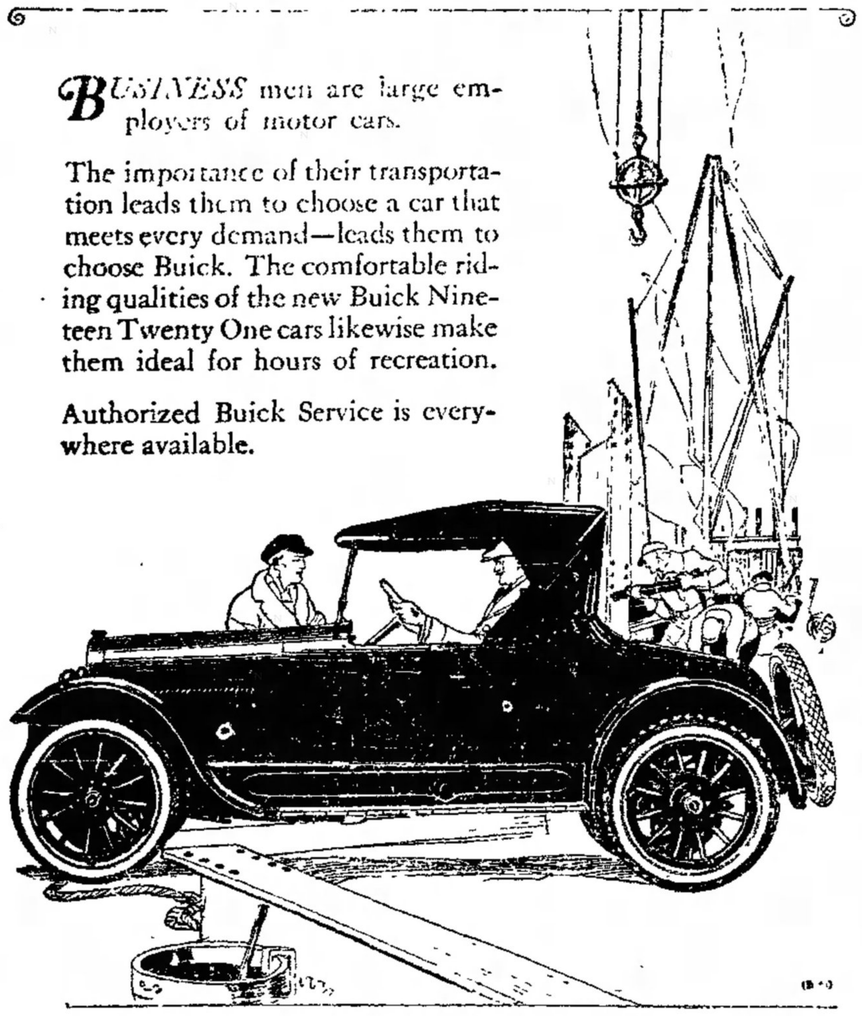

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Pan-American Labor to Fight Propaganda

By RALPH F. COUCH
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Washington, Dec. 21.—Nationalization of industry will be discussed at the annual convention of the Pan-American Federation of Labor which which opens in Mexico City January 10, according to Secretary C. A. Vargas.

"I think the federation likely to take a stand upon this and many other issues," said Vargas. "I expect the convention will pass a resolution strongly condemning Bolshevism and the one big union propaganda."

Vargas and other officials of the federation now are preparing their annual report to the convention. The officials are Samuel Gompers, president and James Lord, treasurer. Gompers is known throughout the world as president of the American Federation of Labor, while Lord has achieved fame in the United States because of his work in the mining department of the Ameri an Federation of Labor.

American delegates to the convention besides Gompers, Vargas and Lord will be Matthew Woll, vice-president of the A. F. of L; Vice president Rickart of the Executive Council of the A. F. of L; John Fry, editor of the official journal of the Internation Moulders' Union and Frank Tobin, president of the International Teamsters' and Chauffeurs' Union, and a vice president and member of the Executive Council of the A. F of L.

Approximately 4,800,000 workers in the United States and other Pan-American countries will be represented at the convention, according to Secretary Vargas, through five delegates from each country. Countries in which the organized labor movement has already accepted representation include Mexico, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Salvador and Peru.

"We're now waiting to hear from the labor movement of Argentina," said Vargas. "Possibly Panama and Ecuador may send representatives."

The convention is planned to continue a week.

President Obregon of Mexico, probably will be invited to make an address, Vargas said, although this is being left entirely to the committee on arrangements at Mexico City.

Vargas plans to leave Washington for Mexico City about January 1.

Tin Plate Co. Re-organized

Those people whose names are on the long list of subscribers for stock in the Pittsburgh Tin Plate and Steel Corporation, located at Marietta, O., may take some solace in the fact that the concern has been re-organized with new men at its head and that the judge who presided at the hearing for discharge of the receivership refused to permit a further looting of the funds when the receivers presented a bill for $16,000.

Judge David H. Thomas in Common Pleas Court in a hearing for discharge of receivership, rebuked the receiver and his counsel, together with Judge Samuel L. Black and other officials of the newly-organized concern, when he flatly refused to allow the claim of $16 000 presented as the fee of the receiver and counsel, even though it has been approved for payment by the corporation's officials.

"These fees are not satisfactory to this court and will not be allowed." Judge Thomas announced. "The Court feels that he is about the only one now representing perhaps nearly all the 5,000 stockholders of this concern. I feel that these figures are excessive and I do not hesitate to say so."

C. C. Middleswart, one of the counsel for the receiver, the Central National Bank of Marietta, protested, but to no avail.

Of the fee claimed, $10,000 is for the receivership and $6,000 for counsel. Edward B. Elliott, C. T. O'Neil and Middleswart. Though arrangements for the discharge of the receivership were completed, the $16,000 was ordered by the court to be deposited in trust pending adjustment of the fee.

Receivership over the corporation's plant was established two months ago. It followed court proceedings brought by an official of the company after Lakin C. Taylor, its president and other officers had been charged in Pittsburgh with using the mails to defraud in connection with sale of stock in the concern.

In the organization of the steel corporation, Judge Samuel L. Black was elected president; A. V. Summers, vice president; J. W. White, secretary; A. W. Stump, treasurer; H. T. Wulff, assistant treasurer. Over $1,000,000 worth of stock was said in Western Pennsylvania, it is said.

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TOY TREE TABLE DECORATION

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DECORATE the table with a Christmas tree, one of the toy ones, and pile around its foot a quantity of presents tied with red ribbons. These should be only what a college man would call "grinds"—perhaps a tiny tin piano for a would-be performer, a lantern for the one the points of whose jokes are difficult to see, a placid paper golf bag for the enthusiastic player, and so on, each with a rhyme or quotation, says Harper's Bazar. If one considers a goose a somewhat undignified bird, ducks may be exchanged for it, either the domestic fowl or the more expensive canvas-back or redhead. Fried celery is very good with duck, the crispest pieces dropped in batter and then cooked in deep fat. But the apple sauce croquettes should not be omitted even with this. For this informal dinner there is a very good and innocuous drink to serve with the heavy course—sweet cider, spiced and sugared to taste, cooked ten minutes and served hot.

YULETIDE THORN TREE SAVED

Blooming Glastonbury, Subject of Beautiful Legends of Christmas, Was Doomed to Destruction.

ONE of the most beautiful legends of Christmas is that of the Glastonbury thorn. The thorn tree grew at Glastonbury Abbey, in Somersetshire, and was supposed to have developed from the staff of Joseph of Arimathea. According to the legend, Joseph came to Glastonbury and while he was resting on a hill afterward known as Wearyall hill, he stuck his staff in the earth. The staff immediately grew green and budded, and at Christmas time it blossomed into beautiful flowers.

One chronicler states that during Queen Elizabeth's reign the thorn had a double trunk, but that a somewhat bigoted Puritan, who disliked the tree because to his mind it smacked of popery, started to cut it down, and succeeded in demolishing one of the trunks. A miracle caused the remaining trunk of the tree to grow a chip of wood to fly up and hit the Puritan in the eye which, in the scuffle, he slipped and fell into the river. Later the tree was grafted and a number of scions grew, and from slips of the original are said to be descended by grafts all the notable trees.

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Snatch Furs From Backs of Women

(By United Press)

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Bandits have started snatching fur coats from the backs of Chicago women, according to police reports and many women of Chicago's "Gold Coast" now leave their expensive furs and wraps home at nights, wearing garments of ordinary textures.

"Five hundred fur coats were snatched from the backs of women last year," said I. C. Greenburg, secretary of the Associated Fur Industries. "From present indications the record will be equaled this winter.

Greenburg, whose organization was formed to protect fur merchants and manufacturers from burglary, said that furs valued at $500,000 were stolen here during the last year. He alleged the fur thieves have the backing of a powerful fur "thieves trust" that has "fences" in all large cities.

Police reports show that ten fur stores have been robbed recently of $70,000 worth of furs and that many women and girls have had their coats stolen from their backs at the point of revolvers.

Greenburg said that fur-snatchers and bandits get only 15 per cent. of the value of the coats from the "fences" through whom they deal. He said the "master mind" of the "fur thieves trust" directs the places to be robbed and gets most of the proceeds.

The "fur trust" according to Greenburg, guarantees legal aid in case a fur bandit is apprehended.

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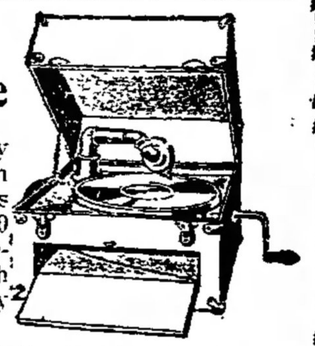

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